

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
USSN 10/050,109
Attorney Docket Q68049
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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action the Examiner pointed out errors occurring in Claims 8 and 10-20 inclusive. Claims 12, 13 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-8 inclusive were allowed. Claims 10, 11 and 14-19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the noted objections. Claims 12, 13 and 20 were indicated as being allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 8 and 10-20 have been amended to correct the errors noted by the Examiner and to overcome the rejection of Claims 12, 13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. With respect to the indefinite rejection the various phrases beginning with “preferably” have been deleted from Claims 12, 13 and 20.

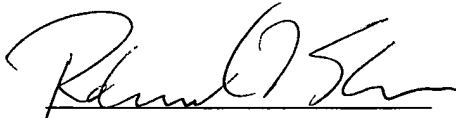
In view of the foregoing amendments, it is submitted that Claims 8 and 10-20 inclusive are now allowable and it is respectfully requested that Claims 1-8 and 10-20 inclusive be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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